

Roxbury, Jan. 29, 1872.

Dear friend May:

Do not hesitate to multiply your inquiries to any extent.

George Lunt, after the hearing we had before him and his associates, (such as it was,) made a long, specious, and hostile Report to the Legislature, in which he slanderously declared—"At both hearings, and particularly the second, your Committee regretted to find, in a portion of the speakers, instead of that modest demeanor becoming citizens in presence of a Committee of the Legislature, (!) a vehemence both of ~~manner~~ language and manner, and an open avowal of their determination to pursue their object at all hazards, which did not tend to conciliate the sentiments of your Committee" (!) Oh, shocking!

The insolent demands of the South for the passage of Gay Laws at the North he characterized as "appeals to our justice as men; to our sympathies as brethren; to our patriotism as citizens; to the memory of the common perils and triumphs of our ancestors and theirs; to all the better emotions of our nature; to our respect for the Constitution; to our regard for the laws; ~~to~~ our value for the institutions of the country; to our hopes for the security of all those blessings which the Union, and that only, can preserve to us."

Appended to his Report was a string of Resolutions, the purport of which is contained in the following:—

"Resolved, That believing that the good expected by those ^{who} excite this discussion is altogether

visionary, while the immediate and future evil is great and certain, ... your Committee hereby express its entire disapprobation of the doctrines upon this subject avowed by, and recommend abolitionists to abstain from all discussion of slavery, &c.

The Report and Resolutions were submitted to the Senate, but never acted upon — no one in that body deigning to call them up for consideration.

In galloping haste,

Yours, truly,

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